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Brief Description of Issues for Discussion:

1. 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection regarding claims 1, 9, 18, and 22:
We wish to clarify the grounds for rejection. Specifically, we wish to clarify the finding that "receiving an authorization" and "making the first change to the record accessible to the second user" are unclear, as these appear to be reasonably clear as they are.
2. 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection regarding claims 1-22:
We would like to discuss of the applicability of 35 U.S.C. § 101 to the apparatus claims (the concerns with the method claims are understood and will be addressed by amendment).
3. 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection regarding Birkner reference:
We have reviewed the Birkner reference, and wish to discuss possible amendments, as shown below, to clarify the scope of the claimed invention.

Proposed Amendments to Claim 1 for Discussion:

1. (currently amended) A method of synchronizing data in a multi-user computer network, comprising:
accessing a record from a database for a first user;
accessing the record from the database for a second user while the first user is accessing the record;
requesting a first change to the record by the first user;
receiving an authorization to make the first change to the record; and
making the first change to the record accessible to for both the first user and the second user substantially simultaneously.